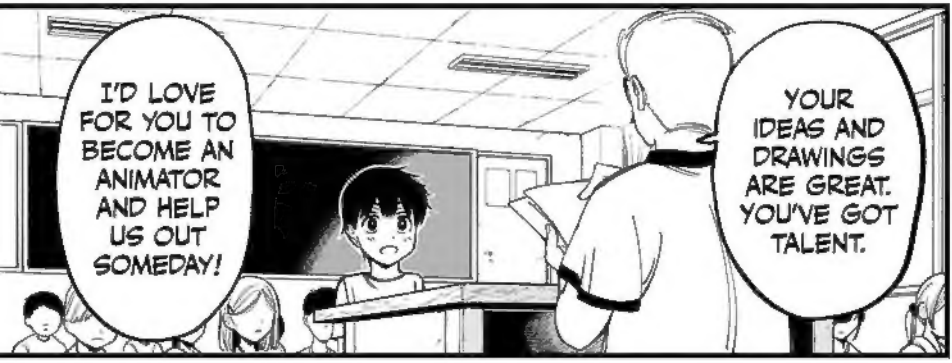
OUR SCHOOL WAS A CERTAIN ANIME DIRECTOR'S ALMA MATER, SO WE HAD A TV CREW COME AND FILM US.
LET'S DRAW A MOVING BALL!
WHEN I WAS LITTLE, WE HAD AN EXTRACURRICULAR CLASS ON ANIMATION AT SCHOOL.
BEAT & MOTION


I'D LOVE FOR YOU TO BECOME AN ANIMATOR AND HELP US OUT SOMEDAY!
YOUR IDEAS AND DRAWINGS ARE GREAT. YOU'VE GOT TALENT.

BUT AFTER THAT DAY, I WAS DETERMINED TO GET A JOB IN ANIMATION.
OKAY!
パアアア...!
BLUSH
I'M SURE HE WAS JUST BEING POLITE.

BEAT & MOTION
CHAPTER 1
BY NAOKI FUJITA
TRANSLATION: ANDRIA MCKNIGHT
LETTERING: SNIR AHARON

I BOUGHT YOU SOME BLANK PAPER TOO.
THANKS, DAD!

A PEG BAR!!

...AND ASK WHAT THEY THOUGHT.
WOW!

THE MOMENT I FINISHED A STORY, I'D SHOW MY PARENTS AND FRIENDS...
I WAS OB-SESSED.

IT'S SO FUN TO DRAW MOVING PICTURES !!

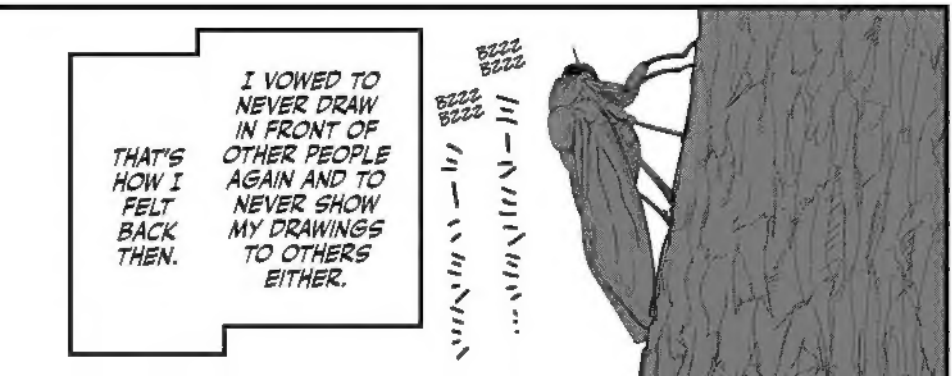
I STARTED SEEING THE WORLD FROM A NEW PERSPECTIVE EVERY DAY.

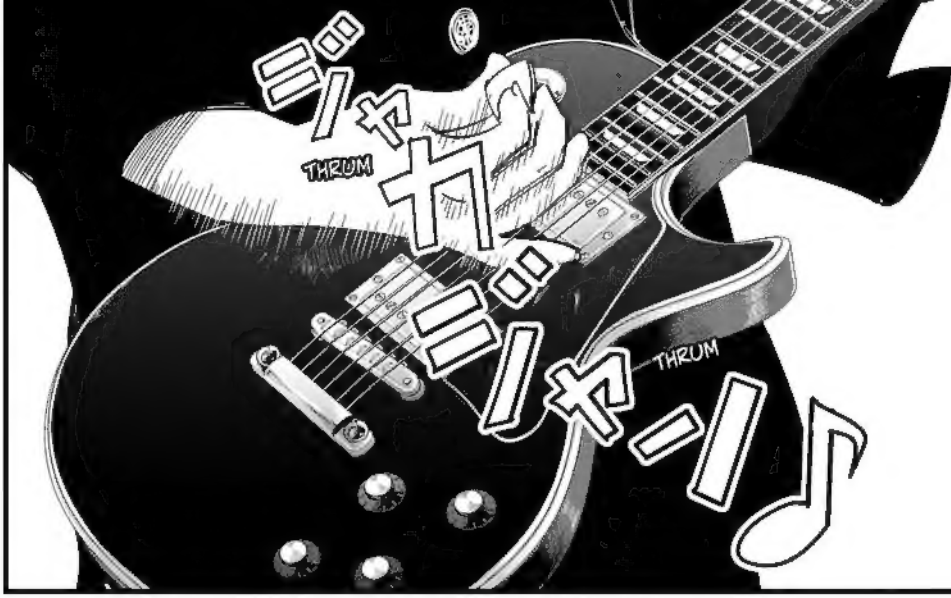
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE
EVEN FROM FAR AWAY, YOU CAN TELL IT'S HER BY HER FORM.
THE WAY TAKADA RUNS IS REALLY NICE.

GIVE IT!
PASS IT!
GIVE IT BACK!!
PASS IT HERE!
GRAB
TATSUHIKO DREW A PICTURE OF YOU!
RATTLE
HEY, TAKADA!

BA-BMP
BA-BMP

IT'S CREEPY.
DON'T DRAW PICTURES OF ME LIKE THAT.


THAT'S HOW I FELT BACK THEN.
I VOWED TO NEVER DRAW IN FRONT OF OTHER PEOPLE AGAIN AND TO NEVER SHOW MY DRAWINGS TO OTHERS EITHER.
BZZZ BZZZ
BZZZ BZZZ


ミャカミャーン♪
THRUM
THRUM

BUT I CAN'T PLAY ANY INSTRU-MENTS.
WELL, YEAH.

WANNA GET LOTS OF GIRLS?
TATSU-HIKO!!

IT IS?

AND IT'S SUPER EASY TO PLAY GUITAR!
PUNK IS COOL EVEN IF YOU SUCK!

NO WORRIES!

WHO ARE THEY?
...
LET'S ROCK!
THAT'S HOW NIRVANA AND THE BLUE HEARTS DO IT!
PUT YOUR FINGERS LIKE THIS AND MOVE 'EM UP AND DOWN, LEFT AND RIGHT!
I DUNNO ...
SOUNDS EXPENSIVE.
I'M STARTING A BAND, AND I WANT YOU TO JOIN! C'MON!
BASS IS EVEN EASIER!
HARUMICHI MUSIC
HARUMICHI MUSIC
HARUMICHI MUSIC
WELL... SURE, I GUESS...
AT LEAST COME TO THE MUSIC STORE WITH ME AFTER SCHOOL!

WHOO-
OOOOA!!
THIS IS
ACTUALLY
PRETTY
COOL!

HOW
DO I
PUT
THIS...?

1
IN USE
MUSIC
IS LIFE
NAGAI
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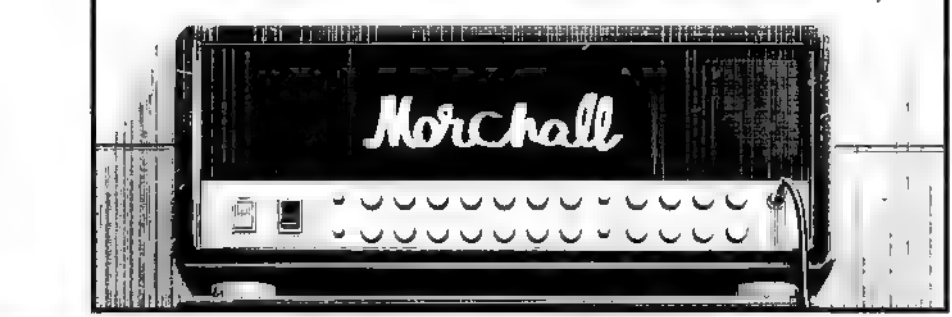
NO OPEN
FLAMES

I FEEL
LIKE I
COULD
REALLY
BE
SOME-
ONE!


Marshall

MUSIC IS WAY MORE FUN THAN I IMAGINED!

WHAT IF WE KEEP THE BAND TOGETHER AND GO PRO SOMEDAY?
MAYBE THIS CAN TAKE THE PLACE OF ANIMATION IN MY HEART!

WHAT ABOUT YOU, TATSUHIKO?
I'M GONNA PLAY THE BUDOKAN!
I WANNA DRIVE A MERCEDES!
I WANNA DATE AN IDOL!!
I WANNA MARRY NICO.
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN MET HER AND YOU WANNA MARRY HER?!
SHE'S STILL A STUDENT, BUT SHE'S SUPER POPULAR.
A NEW MUSICIAN I FOUND ONLINE.
WHO'S THAT?

AND SO WILL WE. WE'LL HANG OUT WITH ALL THE CELEBS!
WELL, I BET SHE'LL GO PRO SOMEDAY TOO.

ダターン
KA-TONK!
ダターン
KA-TONK

THIS IS WHAT BEING YOUNG'S ALL ABOUT!

THE FIRST TIME I BECAME PAINFULLY AWARE THAT I HAD NO TALENT WAS THE SUMMER FESTIVAL!

NONE OF MY BAND-MATES EVEN NOTICED.

THE COVER BAND WHO PLAYED AFTER US GOT ALL THE ATTENTION.

KIDS PLUGGED THEIR EARS.

ONLY OUR FRIENDS CAME TO SEE US.

WE NEED A NEW NAME. WE SUCK.
WE'RE CHIC!
THANKS FOR COMING OUT TONIGHT!
...THE LAMEOS.
FLASH
パッ!
WE SHOULD BE...
...THAT'S THE BEGINNING OF A TRAGEDY.
WHEN AN AVERAGE PERSON SHOWS AN INTEREST IN SOMETHING...

BY THEN, WE WERE IN COLLEGE.
THAT BECAME CLEAR SEVERAL YEARS LATER.
ANOTHER GREAT SONG BY NICO...
THE STEPS TOWARDS OUR GOAL SEEMED CLEAR, BUT...
THE HARDER WE TRIED, THE MORE APPARENT IT BECAME THAT WE WERE JUST MEDIOCRE.

NAO'S KITCHEN
AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, IT WAS OUR FINAL PERFOR-MANCE.
NAO'S KITCHEN

LIKE WE WERE CLIMBING AN ESCA-LATOR GOING THE WRONG WAY.
...IT FELT LIKE THE MORE WE CHARGED AHEAD, THE FURTHER WE FELL BEHIND.

IT WAS AN AMICABLE BREAKUP.

CLENCH

WE NEVER FOUGHT ONCE.

WE PAID TO PUT ON OUR SHOWS.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. THANKS FOR COMING ALL THIS WAY.
HUH?! I CAN BUY A TICKET!
...AND WE PAID.
KLIK
AND WE PAID...
WE PAID TO PERFORM TO NEARLY EMPTY VENUES.

"ARE WE REALLY THAT BORING?"
"DOES MY MUSIC SUCK THAT MUCH?"
AND EVERY TIME, I THOUGHT ...

Hair Beauty Fujita
CLUB NORA
...OR BLOCKING THE SIDE-WALK CHATTING BETTER THAN WATCHING US PLAY?

IS SMOKING OUTSIDE...

I JUST WANNA DIE!
ARGHHH!

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!
I HOPE WE MEET AGAIN SOME-DAY.
AN UNSATISFYING END.
AN EMPTY SPACE. SCATTERED APPLAUSE. SILENCE.
ペコッ
BOW
SILENCE. SILENCE.

AND I FOUND MYSELF THINKING...

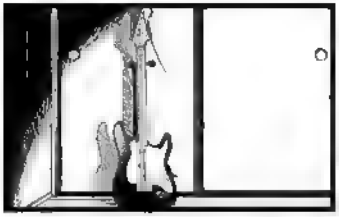
"I BET THIS IS WHAT MY FUNERAL WILL BE LIKE."

IT JUST FELT GOOD TO PRETEND LIKE WE WERE GOING SOMEWHERE.

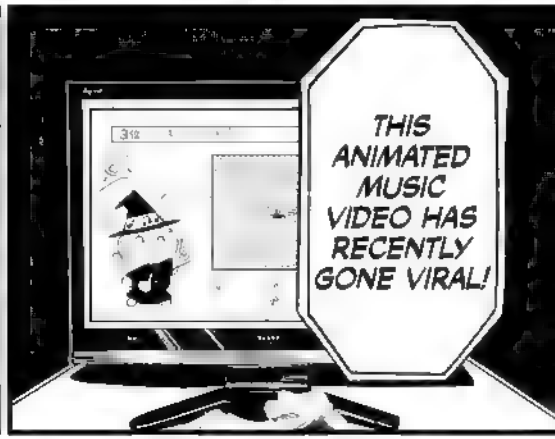
NOT ME OR THE OTHERS.

NONE OF US WERE SERIOUS.

BEER

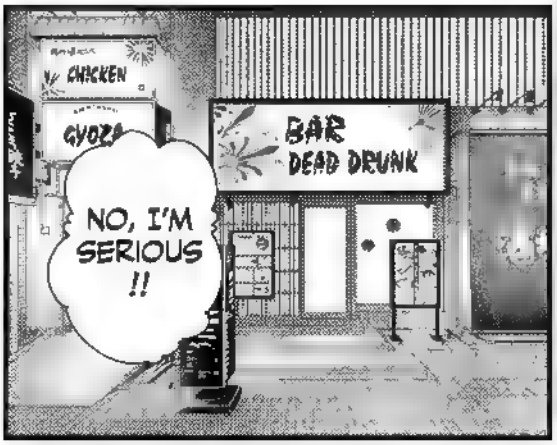


IT HAS AN AS-TOUNDING NUMBER OF VIEWS FOR A NEW ARTIST'S VIDEO.


THIS ANIMATED MUSIC VIDEO HAS RECENTLY GONE VIRAL!

THE SINGER BEHIND THE VIDEO IS ONLY 21!

PEOPLE WITH TALENT...
GRAB
FWOMP
...CAN GO TO HELL!!
TAP
RYOTA
DRINKS ?
YEAH, SURE!
I'LL BE THERE!
VRRR
RYOTA


CHICKEN
GYOZA
BAR
DEAD DRUNK
NO, I'M SERIOUS !!

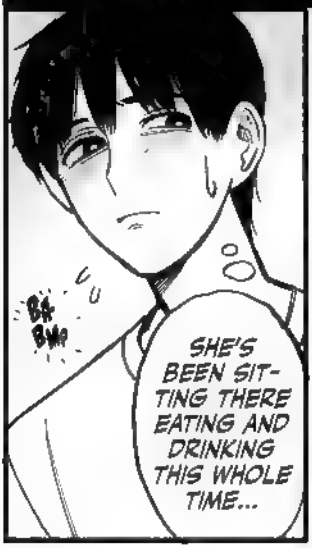
YOU'RE STILL GOING TO THAT WORK-SHOP FOR NOVELISTS?
I'M TOTALLY GONNA WIN AN AWARD WITHIN FIVE YEARS!

HMPH ...

NO WAY, DUDE! IT'S REALLY HELPFUL!
I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S A SCAM. THEY JUST TAKE YOUR MONEY.

...EVEN IF YOU WIN THE AKUTAGAWA PRIZE.
YOU MAY NOT BE able TO MAKE A LIVING AS A WRITER...
SLUG
SLUG
SLUG
I JUST WANNA BE SOMEBODY, Y'KNOW?!
THAT'S NOT A BAD IDEA EITHER!
WHY NOT JUST SELL YOUR WRITING ON YOUR OWN AND ENJOY IT THAT WAY?
WHAT A LOSER.
GUESS DREAM-ING'S FREE, AFTER ALL!
"SOME-BODY," HUH? EH, WELL...
AHHH

WHO WAS SHE TALKING TO?



SINCE WHEN WERE THEY TO-GETHER?
WHAT'S WITH THEM?
SEE YA! CALL HER A TAXI, OKAY?
WHOSE FRIEND IS THIS ANYWAY?
I DID.
CALL ME A TAXI, YOU PIG!
パチッ
BLINK
TOO CLOSE...
WHAT?
ウッ
URP
ドキ
FREEZE
...?!

BLEARGH
おえええ

UGH...

THE TAXI DRIVER WOULDN'T LET US GET IN. I'LL WALK YOU TO THE TRAIN STATION.

BUT...

I'M SORRY...
I'M SO SORRY I PUKED...
UGH
GRAB

BA-BMP
...SHE'S GOT A PRETTY CUTE FACE.
BA-BMP

HYDRANGEA
HEY...
GLANCE
BA-BMP
BA-BMP
GULP

IS SHE...?
HM? WHAT'S THIS VIBE?
I WISH THERE WAS A PLACE WE COULD RELAX.
HUH? YEAH...
I'M TIRED.

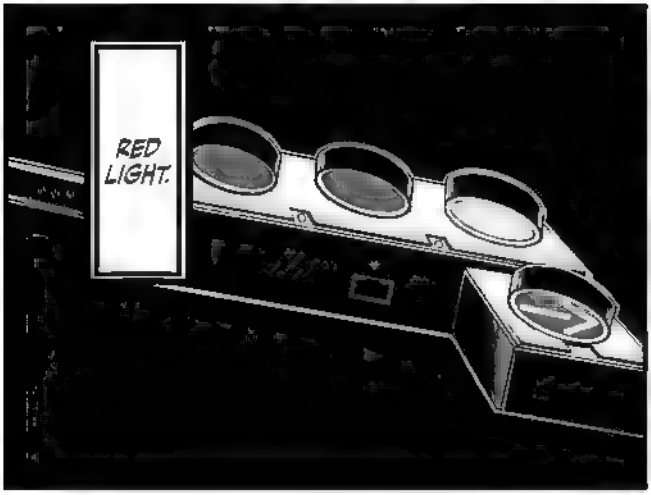
Y'KNOW?
HOTEL
UH...
YEAH...

TMP
TMP
TMP
HEY. YOU DO KNOW...
...WHAT I'M GET-TING AT, RIGHT?
TOP
BA-BMP
UM...
VAGUELY ?
BA-BMP
VROOM
INTER-ESTING! COULD YOU STOP RIGHT THERE, DARLING?
HUH? WHAT?

Y'KNOW THE THING ABOUT GUYS LIKE YOU?
I HATE THEIR GUTS! DIEEEEE!!
WHOOOOA!
WHACK

HUSH
...?

...

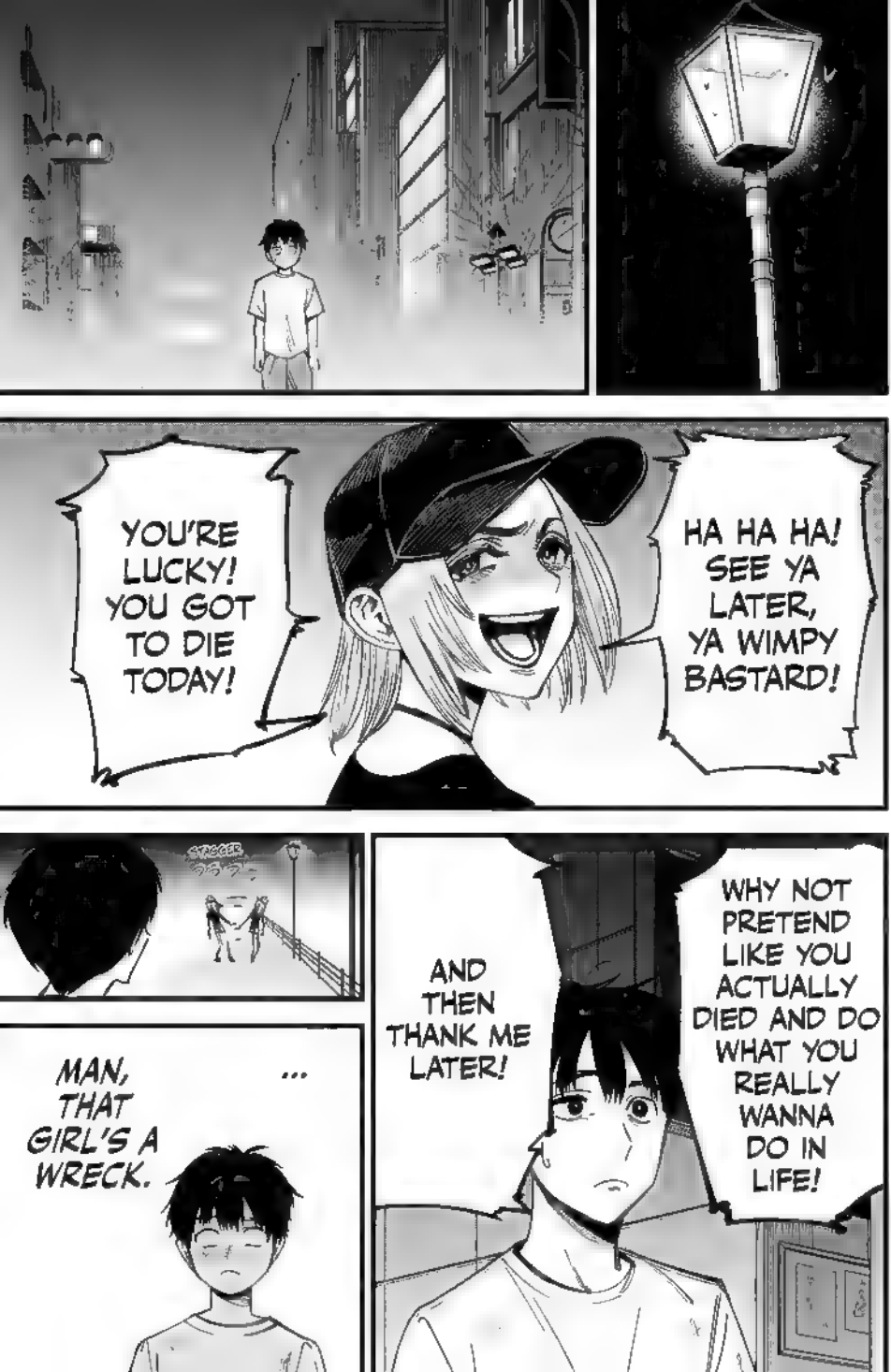

RED LIGHT.

SAFE DRIVER.
ブゥゥゥン...
VROOM
Cheap and safe! Turtle Delivery!
GUARD-RAIL.
RIGHT TURN SIGNAL
カッチ!
BLINK
カッチ!
BLINK
RIGHT-HAND LANE.
PFFT.
UM...
YOU LOOK SCARED OUTTA YOUR MIND!
YOU'RE SO DRUNK!
AH HA HA! HOLY CRAP, THAT'S FUNNY!

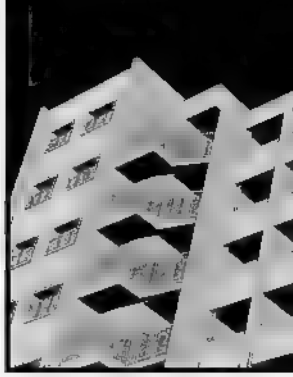
I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE!
THAT WAS DANGER-OUS, YOU IDIOT!
SHUT UP, YOU MORON!
YOU'VE BEEN PISSING ME OFF EVER SINCE THE BAR!
HUH? WHY?
...?
...

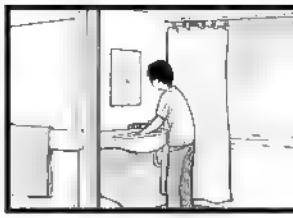
...DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD CRAP ALL OVER SOMEONE ELSE'S DREAMS!
JUST BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO DO SOMETHING BUT IT DIDN'T PAN OUT...
YOU'RE SO UNCOOL IT MAKES ME LAUGH!
YOU'RE SUCH A LOSER!
...IT MAKES ME WANNA KILL 'EM!
WHEN I SEE GUYS LIKE YOU WHOSE HEARTS ARE ALL TWISTED UP WITH JEALOUSY...

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS GIRL'S PROBLEM?
SHE'S A DEMON.

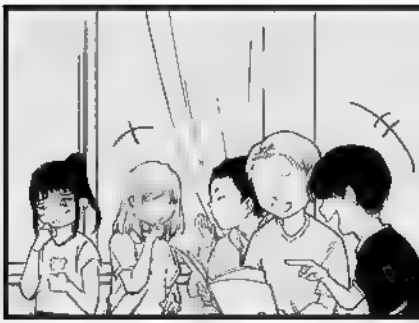

YOU'RE LUCKY! YOU GOT TO DIE TODAY!
HA HA HA! SEE YA LATER, YA WIMPY BASTARD!
STAGGER
ラララ
MAN, THAT GIRL'S A WRECK.
...
AND THEN THANK ME LATER!
WHY NOT PRETEND LIKE YOU ACTUALLY DIED AND DO WHAT YOU REALLY WANNA DO IN LIFE!

UGH, SMELLS LIKE PUKE.
BUT SHE'S RIGHT.





IT'S CREEPY.
DON'T DRAW PICTURES OF ME LIKE THAT.



キュッ SQUEAK

GUESS DREAMING'S FREE, AFTER ALL!

I THOUGHT I KNEW WHAT IT FELT LIKE TO BE HU-MILIATED.

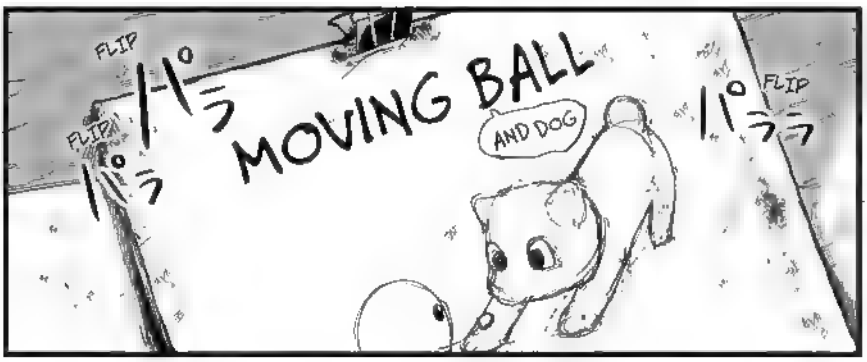
HOW DID I END UP LIKE THIS?
SERIOUSLY ...

WHY NOT PRETEND LIKE YOU ACTUALLY DIED AND DO WHAT YOU REALLY WANNA DO IN LIFE!

YOU'RE LUCKY! YOU GOT TO DIE TODAY!

HERE IT IS!
THE PEG BAR!
CAN'T BELIEVE I DREW THIS MUCH.
STILL...
HE REALLY BOUGHT ME A NICE ONE.
ペリ ペリ...
FLIP FLIP
パラ...
FLIP FLIP
HEH.

OH, HEY!
FLIP
FLIP
I CAN'T BELIEVE I ACTUALLY SHOWED MY PARENTS AND FRIENDS THESE...
I USED TO THINK IT WAS GOOD, BUT NOW I CAN TELL IT WAS BEGINNER STUFF.
FLIP
FLIP
FLIP
I REMEMBER THIS.
FLIP
AND THIS ONE!
FLIP
FLIP
AND THIS ONE!!
SO DOES THIS ONE!
FLIIIIP
FLIP
FLIP
I REMEM-BER THIS ONE...
...AND THIS ONE...
THIS ONE BRINGS BACK A LOT OF MEMORIES TOO!


FLIP
FLIP!
MOVING BALL
AND DOG
FLIP

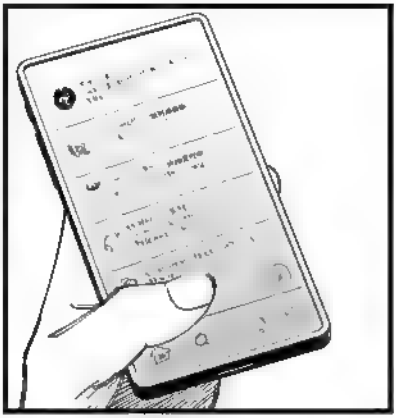
FROM NOW ON, THIS IS ALL ON ME.
I CAN'T BLAME ANYONE ELSE.
I'M EXCITED.
ANIMATION BOOK
THUD

I DON'T CARE IF I HATE IT.
"IF I GET REINCARNATED, I'LL NEVER DO THIS AGAIN."
THIS TIME I'M GONNA PUT SO MUCH INTO IT I'LL THINK...

I FORGET
"...BUT TOO SHORT TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING"?
WHO SAID "LIFE IS TOO LONG TO DO NOTHING BUT LIVE..."
AND IF IT DOESN'T GO MY WAY...
I WON'T THROW MYSELF INTO SOMETHING WHILE CONSTANTLY THINKING OF WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN.
ANYWAY, I'M NOT LOOKING BACKWARDS.
BUT NO MATTER WHAT, I'M GONNA CREATE SOMETHING!
THEN MY LIFE IS OVER!!

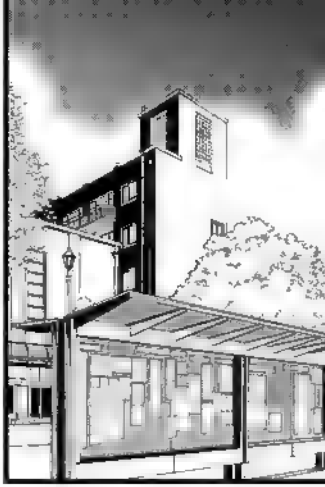
I WON'T AIM FOR PERFECTION.
ALL RIGHT...
I'M GONNA GIVE MYSELF A DEADLINE AND FINISH A PROJECT.
SO I NEED TO PRACTICE BY MAKING MORE AND MORE.
EVEN IF I TRY TO THE BEST OF MY CURRENT ABILITIES, I'LL ONLY MAKE SOMETHING THIRD-RATE.
パラ FLIP
パラ FLIP
パラ FLIP
I JUST NEED TO FILL THE PAGES.

Nico
I just finished a riff. I'm working hard on my new song!
Hikotatsu
I can't wait to hear your new song!



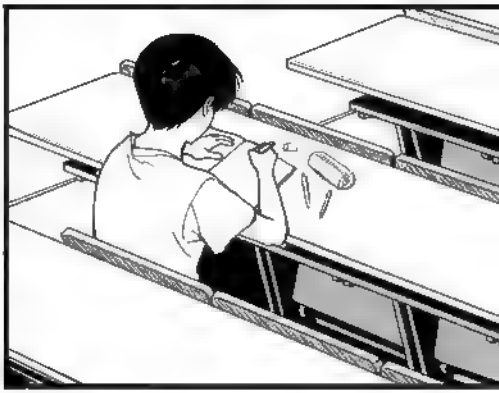
I'VE BEEN LEARNING FROM EVERY-THING LATELY.
CUTE...

HUH. ITS BUTT MOVES TOO.



HEY, IT'S TATSUHIKO!

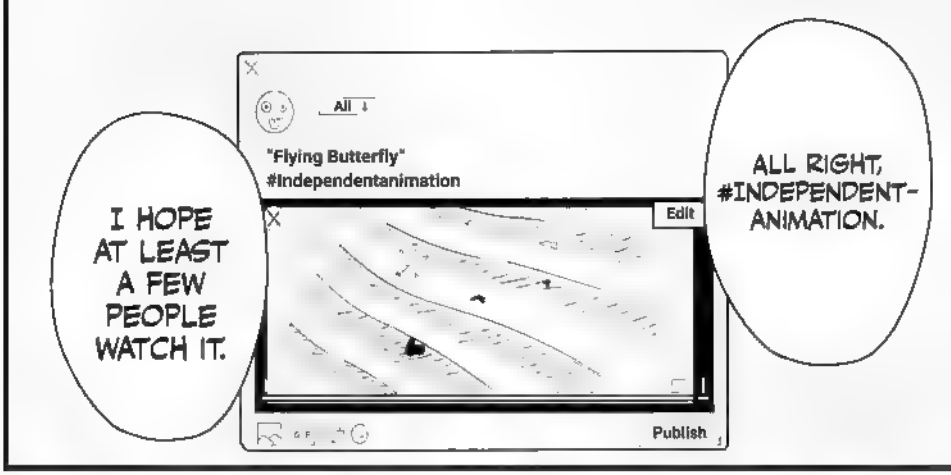
HUH ?



BA-BMP
BA-BMP

WHAT? YOU DRAW, TATSU-HIKO?

BA BMP
BA BMP
BMP
YEAH, I DRAW.
I FINISHED A TWO-MINUTE ANIMATION SHORT IN THREE MONTHS.
YOU'RE REALLY GOOD!
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SOME-THING?


All
"Flying Butterfly"
#Independentanimation
Edit
Publish
ALL RIGHT, #INDEPENDENT-ANIMATION.
I HOPE AT LEAST A FEW PEOPLE WATCH IT.

...

UPLOAD FINISHED.

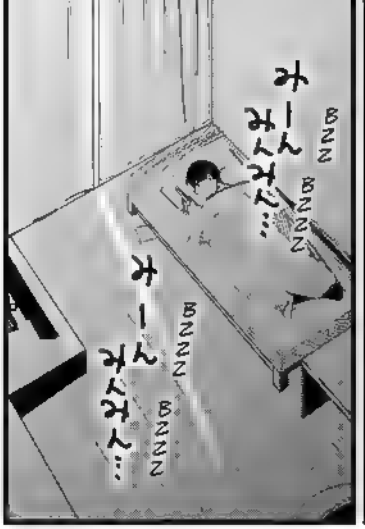
GUESS I'LL GO TO BED.

ZZZ スゥ...
THAT NIGHT, I HAD A DREAM.

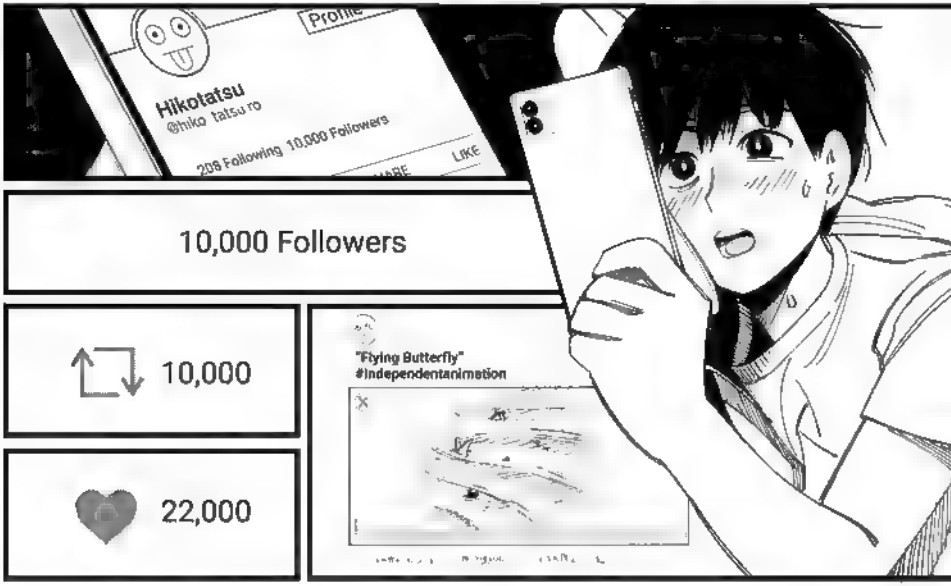
GOOD WORK, TATSUHIKO.
I'LL REST FOR A DAY, THEN DRAW THE NEXT ONE.

AND THE GROWN-UP ME GRABBED MY HAND AND TOOK ME OUT-SIDE.
IT WAS ME, FROZEN IN THE HALLWAY WHEN I WAS LITTLE.
BUT...
...IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH ONE.
I DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE I WAS INSIDE OF.
OKAY...
AM I LATE?! I CAME TO SAVE YOU!!

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!


みーんみんみん…
BZZZ
BZZZ
みーんみんみん…
BZZZ
BZZZ

SHINE
みーんみんみん…
BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZZ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Hikotatsu
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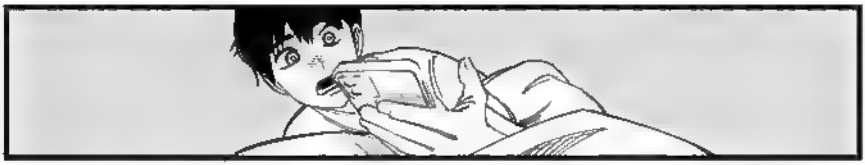
Message
Search Direct Messages
Nico @nicorn25 25
I saw your animation on my timeline and I was so impressed. You're the person who always comments on my posts, right?

Nico @nicorn25 25

Would you like to do an anime music video for one of my songs?



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I'd love to meet with you and chat about it.

NICO...
ドキ
BA-BMP
ドキ
BA-BMP

I'M GONNA MEET NICO...

I'VE LOVED NICO EVER SINCE JUNIOR HIGH!!
ブゥゥゥン
VRRRR
ブゥゥゥン
VRRRR
Nico Kashiwagi
Message
Accept

フッドキ
BA-BMP
フッドキ
BA-BMP
ウウウーン
VRRRR
ドキ
BA-BMP

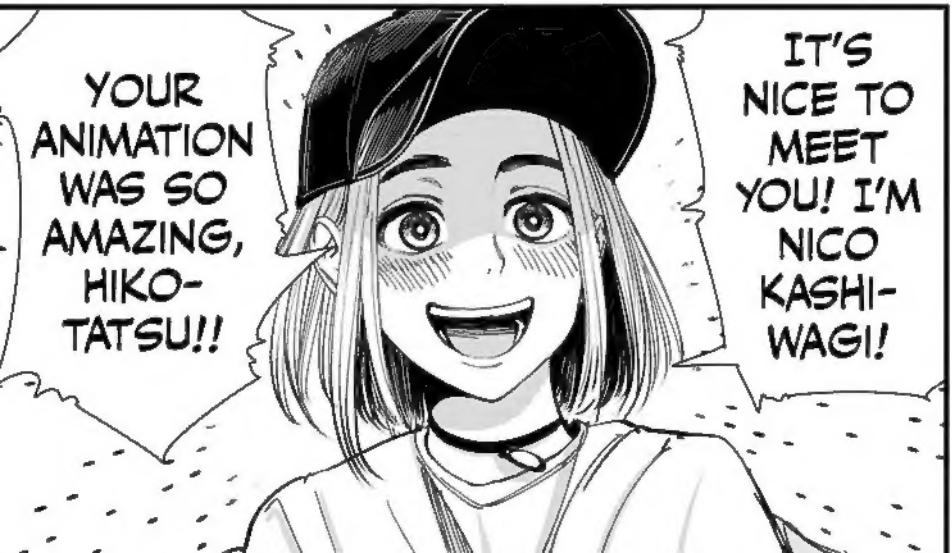
Hico Kashiwagi
ピッ
BEEP
WHAT IF...

A-AHEM...
H-HELLO?
ズキ
BA-BMP
ドキ
BA-BMP
ズキ
BA-BMP
ドキ
BA-BMP
...I REALLY GET TO MARRY HER SOME-DAY?!

HELLO ?!
?!
NICO!!
忠犬ポチ公

IT'S ME, NICO!
I'M IN FRONT OF THE STATION RIGHT NOW!
I- I JUST GOT HERE TOO!
NO FREAKIN' WAY!!

...IS NICO?!
THAT CRAZY DEMON GIRL...


YOUR ANIMATION WAS SO AMAZING, HIKO-TATSU!!
IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU! I'M NICO KASHI-WAGI!

I CAN'T WAIT TO WORK WITH YOU!!
MY MUSIC *NEEDS* YOUR ANIMA-TION!
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To be continued!